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c/o Miss M Cully

April 15, 1919.

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th St. N.Y. City.

Gentlemen,

A few days ago an acquaintance showed me a coin which he was anxious to have named or classified. Having no knowledge of coins, I, in order to help him, looked the matter up in several books on coinage, without being able to find any such coin mentioned. I then thought that you might not be averse to giving me the benefit of your knowledge of this

subject.

The coin is copper about the size of a English penny and has some slash & the inscription 'E pluribus unum'. It is dated 1717 and has a plough on one side surmounted by a horse's head.

I hope I am not putting you to any inconvenience by thus asking you to let me know the name & history of such a coin.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply I am

Very truly Yours

Anne M. S. Smith.

April 17, 1919.

Miss Anne M. S. Smith,
c/o Miss McCully,
225 West 68th Street,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Responding to your note of the 15th, I beg to advise that the coin which you describe appears to be a New Jersey cent, the date of which you have misread; it should be 1787.

Only one variety of this coin is rare, -- that with the date just under the beam of the plow and above the plowshare.

I trust this gives you the desired information. Should you care to bring the coin to us, I should be pleased to show you an illustration.

Very truly yours,

Secretay.

225 West 68th St.
New York City.
April 21, 1919.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary of The American Numismatic Society.

Dear Sir,

I am indeed obliged to you for your reply to my letter. As I intend leaving New York within a short time, I am afraid I cannot avail myself of your offer to see the illustration

You speak of, but when I tell the owner of the coin the result of my investigations, I feel sure that he will be anxious to visit the Museum.

Again thanking You, I am

Very truly Yours

Anne M. S. Smith.